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Dear Dr. Carmona:

I am responding to your letter dated April 30, 2004, inviting me to participate on May 5th or 14th in a stakeholder meeting discussion associated with the U.S. Health and Human Services Task Force on Drug Importation. Your letter was received in my office on May 13, 2004, which clearly precluded my participation on these dates.

As indicated in my letter of April 26, 2004, I will be providing written input to the public docket for the Task Force by June 1, 2004.

Thank you again for the invitation.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Deputy Minister

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